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1. SUMMARY: ECOSOC PLENARY AUGUST 8 TOOK UP REPORT OF NGO COMMITTEE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION BY RAPPORTEUR (HUNGARY). THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF REPORT OR OF DRAFT DECISION E/L.1567 INTRODUCED BY GHANA ON BEHALF OF CO-SPONSORS HUNGARY, PHILIPPINES, NETHERLANDS. DRAFT DECISION TABLED TODAY, ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE BY US, CHILE, UK, USSR, FRANCE AND SPAIN. FULL TEXT DRAFT DECISION TRANSMITTED BELOW END SUMMARY.

2. US DEL MADE EXPLANATION RE FIRST TWO PARAS OF DECISION THAT SHORTNESS OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS MADE SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE IMPRACTICAL. RE PARA3, US DEL RESERVED OUR POSITION PENDING CONSIDERATION IN GA FIFTH COMMITTEE. WE REQUESTED MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION FROM SECRETARIAT ON PROPOSED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. COUNCIL SECRETARY INDICATED THAT THESE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING DURING GA.
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3. UK REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORTED OUR STATEMENT AND ADDED
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENSUS DECISION DID
NOT CHANGE TRADITIONAL UK POSITION ON DECADE OF ACTION TO
COMBAT RACISM.

4. CHILE SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECISION AND NOTED THAT THERE
WAS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN COOPERATION OF NGOS IN IMPLEMENTING
DECADE GOALS.

5. USSR RESERVED ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS RE PARA 3. HE
ALSO INDICATED THAT THE USSR SUPPORT FOR THESE CONFERENCES
"WILL DEPEND ON WHICH PARTICULAR NGOS WILL BE INVOLVED".

6. FRANCE, WHILE NOT OPPOSING CONSENSUS, RESERVED POSITION
ON DECISION SINCE THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO STUDY DOCUMENT INDETAIL.
NOTED PARA 3 IS WITHIN COMPETENCE OF FIFTH COMMITTEE.

7. SPAIN SUPPORTED THE FRENCH INTERVENTION AND ADDED
THAT HIS DELEGATION'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE DECADE WOULD BE
EXPOUNDED IN GA.

8. QUOTED BELOW IS FULL TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION. QUOTE.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DECIDES:

1. TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR CONSIDERATION AT
ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE ROLE OF
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROGRAMME FOR A DECADE
OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
CONTAINED IN ANNEX I OF DOCUMENT E/5386;

2. TO TRANSMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR ITS INFORMATION,
THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNING POSSIBLE
MODIFICATIONS IN YHE DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR A DECADE OF ACTION
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, CONTAINED IN ANNEX II
OF DOCUMENT E/5386;

3. TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO EXAMINE THE
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POSSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES IN
THIS FIELD, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES,
SUCH AS INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTATION AND TO REPORT THEREON
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION.

END QUOTE.

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